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SUBJ: CONTINUED STUDENT AGITATION FOR RELEASE IBADAN DETAINEES

1. SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATIONS FOR UNIBAD STUDENTS HAVE SPREAD TO BOTH ABU, ZARIA AND KADUNA POLYTECHNIC. NEW NIGERIAN REPORTED 2 MAN DELEGATION FROM UNIBAD APPEALED TO ABU STUDENTS FOR SUPPORT.

2. NO ARMED VIOLENCE SO FAR KNOWN. TV, RADIO AND NEWSPAPERS CARRIED REPORTS THAT AT LEAST ONE SOLDIER AND ONE POLICEMAN HELD HOSTAGE AT ABU. POLICE STATION AT ABU AND LAND ROVER REPORTEDLY BURNT. STUDENTS HAVE LOCKED AND BARRICADED GATES TO MAIN CAMPUS ABU AND DECLARED INTENTION RETAIN HOSTAGES TILL UNIBAD STUDENTS RELEASED. CONSULATE SO FAR UNABLE RAIDE ANYONE VIA TELEPHONE OR RADIO AT ABU. PRESUMABLY STAFF INCLUDING AID CONTRACT COULD NOT GET TO OFFICES EVEN IF THEY ATTEMPTED TO. TELEPHONE LINES PROBABLY CUT. FOUR TRUCK LOADS POLICE UNITS

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OBSERVED LEAVING FOR ZARIA ABOUT 6:30 AM.

3. KADUNA POLYTECHNIC STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT INFORMED STUDENTS THIS MORNING THAT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AGREED TO PERMIT PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, NEW NIGERIAN, BCNN, SECRETARIAT, STAFF DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND MARKET ROAD WITH STIPULATION STUDENTS MUST TRAVEL FROM POINT TO POINT BY BUS. HOWEVER, SCENARIO NEVER GOT UNDERWAY AS POLICE ARRIVED AT POLYTECHNIC TO PREVENT COMMENCEMENT OF DEMONSTRATIONS. STUDENTS REACTED BUT POLICE QUICKLY DISPERSED THEM WITH TEAR GAS. TODAY'S CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED BUT SCHOOL NOT OFFICIALLY CLOSED. DO NOT KNOW IF STUDENTS WERE INTENTIONALLY MISLED OR IF PERMISSION ACTUALLY HAD BEEN OBTAINED AND POLICE/GOVT HAD SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF PERMITTING DEMONSTRATIONS OF ANY KIND.

4. OTHERWISE KADUNA IS BUSINESS AS USUAL. NO AMCITS INVOLVED AT POLYTECHNIC AND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE SAME APPLIES AT ABU. WE WILL CONTINUE WATCH DEVELOPMENTS HERE AND ATTEMPT LEARN MORE DETAILS RE ABU SIUTATION.
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